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FOLLOWING BREAK-UP AT 8PM LAST NIGHT OF PRIVATE FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING WITH GROMYKO, I MET FOR AN HOUR WITH COUVEY AND
LLOYD. LUCET, RUMBOLD AND MERCHANT WERE ALSO PRESENT. WE WERE
AGREED THAT DISCUSSION WITH GROMYKO HAD TAKEN STEP BACKWARD
RATHER THAN FORWARD AND BASIC CONFLICT WAS NOW CLEAR, I.E.
THAT WE WOULD NOT RELINQUISH OUR RIGHTS IN BERLIN AND SOVIETS
WERE DETERMINED SOONER OR LATER TO ACHIEVE REMOVAL OF OUR PRESENCE
FROM WEST BERLIN.

WE AGREED THAT DEPUTIES SHOULD MEET THIS MORNING RAPIDLY TO
REVISE FIVE-POINT PAPER GIVEN GROMYKO JUNE 8 WITH VIEW TO
CLOSER APPROACH TO OUR BASIC POSITION AND WITH PRINCIPAL EYE ON
ITS APPEAL FOR PUBLIC OPINION. CHIEF CONCESSION CONTEMPLATED
WAS FINDING LANGUAGE IMPLICITLY PROTECTING MAINTENANCE OUR RIGHTS
WITHOUT EXPLICIT SPELL-OUT. BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH ALSO DESIRE
INSERT IN IT OFFER TO DECLARE INTENTION PROMPTLY TO REDUCE
COMBINED GARRISON STRENGTH IN WEST BERLIN TO FIGURE 10,000.
WE WILL FIRMLY RESIST THIS ON GROUNDS ANY REDUCTION WOULD SERIOUSLY
AFFECT MORALE WEST BERLINERS.

FOUR WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET 3PM TODAY TO CONSIDER

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-2- CAHTO 116, JUNE 16, NOON, FROM GENEVA

DRAFT EMERGING FROM DEPUTIES WITH VIEW CONVEYING COPY TO GROMYKO THIS EVENING OR WEDNESDAY MORNING IN ADVANCE SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PRIVATE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. BRENTANO WAS NOT PRESENT THIS TALK BUT COUVE UNDERTOOK TO BRIEF HIM LAST NIGHT AND HE WILL BE PRESENT AS INDICATED AT THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING.

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